

not suffice, and the Government then resorted to loans to replenish the reserve.

In February, 1894, \$50,000,000 in bonds were issued, and in November following a second issue of \$50,000,000 was deemed necessary. The sum of \$117,171,795 was realized by the sale of these bonds, but the reserve was steadily decreased until, on February 8, 1895, a third sale of \$62,315,400 in bonds, for \$65,116,244, was announced to Congress.

The receipts of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, were \$390,373,203.30, and the expenditures \$433,178,426.48, showing a deficit of \$42,805,223.18. A further loan of \$100,000,000 was negotiated by the Government in February, 1896, the sale netting \$111,166,246, and swelling the aggregate of bonds issued within three years to \$262,315,400. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, the revenues of the Government from all sources amounted to \$409,475,408.78, while its expenditures were \$434,678,654.48, or an excess of expenditures over receipts of \$25,203,245.70. In other words, the total receipts for the three fiscal years ending June 30, 1896, were insufficient, by \$137,811,729.46, to meet the total expenditures.

Nor has this condition since improved. For the first half of the present fiscal year the receipts of the Government, exclusive of postal revenues, were \$157,507,603.76, and its expenditures, exclusive of postal service, \$195,410,000.22, or an excess of expenditures over receipts of \$37,902,396.46. In January of this year the receipts, exclusive of postal revenues, were \$24,316,994.05, and the expenditures, exclusive of postal service, \$30,269,389.29, a deficit of \$5,952,395.24 for the month. In February of this year the receipts, exclusive of postal revenues, were \$24,400,997.38, and expenditures, exclusive of postal service, \$28,796,056.66, a deficit of \$4,395,059.28; or a total deficiency of \$186,061,580.44 for the three years and eight months ending March 1, 1897. Not only are we without a surplus in the Treasury, but, with an increase in the public debt, there has been a corresponding increase in the annual interest charge from \$22,893,883.20 in 1892, the lowest of any year since 1862, to \$34,387,297.60 in 1896, or an increase of \$11,493,414.40.

It may be urged that even if the revenues of the Government had been sufficient to meet all its ordinary expenses during the past three years, the gold reserve would still have been insufficient to meet the demands upon it, and that bonds would necessarily have been issued for its repletion. Be this as it may, it is clearly manifest, without denying or affirming the correctness of such a conclusion, that the debt would have been decreased in at least the amount of the deficiency, and business confidence immeasurably strengthened throughout the country.

Congress should promptly correct the existing condition. Ample revenues must be supplied not only for the ordinary expenses of the Government, but for the prompt payment of liberal pensions and the liquidation of the principal and interest of the public debt. In raising revenue, duties should be so levied upon foreign products as to preserve the home market, so far as possible, to our own producers; to revive and increase manufactures; to relieve and encourage agriculture; to increase our domestic and foreign commerce; to aid and develop mining and building, and to render to labor in every field of useful occupation the liberal wages and adequate rewards to which skill and industry are justly entitled. The necessity of the passage of a tariff law which shall provide ample revenue need not be further urged. The imperative demand of the hour is the prompt enactment of such a measure, and to this object I earnestly recommend that Congress shall make every endeavor. Before other business is transacted let us first provide sufficient revenue to faithfully administer the Government without the contracting of further debt or the continued disturbance of our finances.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, March 15, 1897.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. If there is no objection, the message will be printed and lie on the table.

Mr. ALLISON. I move that the Senate adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 3 o'clock and 18 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, March 16, 1897, at 12 o'clock meridian.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, March 15, 1897.

This being the day fixed in the proclamation of the President for the assembling of the first session of the Fifty-fifth Congress, the Clerk of the last House, Mr. ALEXANDER McDOWELL, called the House to order.

The Chaplain of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth Congress, Rev. HENRY N. COUDEN, offered the following prayer:

Almighty and most merciful Father, in whose sacred presence we dwell and whose gracious spirit has ever moved upon the hearts of men to inspire and guide their thoughts, that Thou mightest, through Thy wisdom, control the destiny of individuals

and of nations, we bless Thee for that influence which Thou has exercised over us as a people in all the past, and we fervently pray for a continuance of the same to all of our future. Teach us and make us susceptible.

Let Thy favor, we beseech Thee, be upon our President, that he may be wise in his conceptions, strong in his convictions, and firm in his determination to do the right. And so let Thy favor be upon all who are in authority.

Let Thy blessing especially, we pray Thee, come in all its abundance upon the Congress now convened in extraordinary session, that each member may be guided by Thy wisdom so that he may become an instrument in Thy hands for the promotion of great good, and thus open the channels of industry everywhere, that prosperity may smile upon our people, and every home be blest with abundance.

Keep us in peace with all the world. And to Thee we shall ascribe all praise. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Clerk then read the following proclamation of the President of the United States, convening Congress in extra session:

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A proclamation.

Whereas public interests require that the Congress of the United States should be convened in extra session at 12 o'clock on the 15th day of March, 1897, to receive such communication as may be made by the Executive:

Now, therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Congress of the United States to convene in extra session at the Capitol, in the city of Washington, on the 15th day of March, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members thereof are hereby required to take notice.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Washington, the 6th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1897, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-first.

[SEAL.]

By the President:

JOHN SHERMAN, Secretary of State.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

The CLERK. The hour having arrived, under the proclamation of the President, for the convening of the first session of the Fifty-fifth Congress, the roll will be called alphabetically by States, to determine if a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives is present.

The Clerk will call the roll.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names:

### ALABAMA.

George W. Taylor.	John H. Bankhead.
Jesse F. Stallings.	Milford W. Howard.
Henry D. Clayton.	Joseph Wheeler.
T. S. Plowman.	Oscar W. Underwood.
Willis Brewer.	

### ARKANSAS.

Philip D. McCulloch.	William L. Terry.
John S. Little.	Hugh A. Dinsmore.
Thomas C. McRae.	Stephen Brundidge, jr.

### CALIFORNIA.

John A. Barham.	Eugene F. Loud.
Marion De Vries.	C. A. Barlow.
Samuel G. Hilborn.	C. H. Castle.
James G. Maguire.	

### COLORADO.

John F. Shafroth.	John C. Bell.
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### CONNECTICUT.

E. Stevens Henry.	Charles A. Russell.
Nehemiah D. Sperry.	Ebenezer J. Hill.

### DELAWARE.

Levin Irving Handy.

### FLORIDA.

Stephen M. Sparkman.	Robert W. Davis.
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### GEORGIA.

Rufus E. Lester.	John W. Maddox.
James M. Griggs.	William M. Howard.
E. B. Lewis.	Farish Carter Tate.
W. C. Adamson.	William H. Fleming.
Leonidas F. Livingston.	W. G. Brantley.
Charles L. Bartlett.	

### IDAHO.

James Gunn.

### ILLINOIS.

James R. Mann.	Joseph G. Cannon.
William Lorimer.	Vespasian Warner.
Hugh R. Belknap.	Joseph V. Graff.
Daniel W. Mills.	Benjamin F. Marsh.
George E. White.	W. H. Hinrichsen.
Edward D. Cooke.	James A. Connolly.
George E. Foss.	Thomas M. Jett.
Albert J. Hopkins.	Andrew J. Hunter.
Robert R. Hitt.	James R. Campbell.
George W. Prince.	Jehu Baker.
Walter Reeves.	George W. Smith.

### INDIANA.

James A. Hemenway.	Charles L. Henry.
Robert W. Miers.	Charles B. Landis.
William T. Zenor.	E. D. Crumpacker.
William S. Holman.	George W. Steele.
George W. Faris.	James M. Robinson.
Henry U. Johnson.	Lemuel W. Royse.
Jesse Overstreet.	

Samuel M. Clark.  
George M. Curtis.  
David B. Henderson.  
Thomas Updegraff.  
Robert G. Cousins.  
John F. Lacey.

## IOWA.

John A. T. Hull.  
William P. Hepburn.  
Alva L. Hager.  
Jonathan P. Dolliver.  
George D. Perkins.

## KANSAS.

Jeremiah D. Botkin (at large).

Case Broderick.  
M. S. Peters.  
E. R. Ridgely.  
Charles Curtis.

W. D. Vincent.  
N. B. McCormick.  
Jerry Simpson.

## KENTUCKY.

Charles K. Wheeler.  
John D. Clardy.  
John S. Rhea.  
David H. Smith.  
Walter Evans.  
Albert S. Berry.

Evan E. Settle.  
George M. Davison.  
Samuel J. Pugh.  
Thomas Y. Fitzpatrick.  
David G. Colson.

## LOUISIANA.

Adolph Meyer.  
Robert C. Davey.  
Robert F. Broussard.

Henry W. Ogden.  
S. T. Baird.  
Samuel M. Robertson.

## MAINE.

Thomas B. Reed.  
Nelson Dingley, jr.

Seth L. Milliken.  
Charles A. Boutelle.

## MARYLAND.

Isaac A. Barber.  
William B. Baker.  
William S. Booze.

William W. McIntire.  
Sydney E. Mudd.  
John McDonald.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

Ashley B. Wright.  
Frederick H. Gillett.  
Joseph Henry Walker.  
George W. Weymouth.  
William S. Knox.  
William H. Moody.  
William E. Barrett.

Samuel W. McCall.  
John F. Fitzgerald.  
Samuel J. Barrows.  
Charles F. Sprague.  
William C. Lovering.  
John Simpkins.

## MICHIGAN.

John B. Corliss.  
George Spalding.  
Albert M. Todd.  
Edward L. Hamilton.  
Wm. Alden Smith.  
Samuel W. Smith.

Horace G. Snover.  
Ferdinand Brucker.  
Roswell P. Bishop.  
Rosseau O. Crump.  
William S. Mesick.  
Carlos D. Shelden.

## MINNESOTA.

James A. Tawney.  
James T. McCleary.  
Joel P. Heatwole.  
F. C. Stevens.

Loren Fletcher.  
Page Morris.  
Frank M. Eddy.

## MISSISSIPPI.

John M. Allen.  
William V. Sullivan.  
Thomas C. Catchings.  
Andrew F. Fox.

John S. Williams.  
W. F. Love.  
Patrick Henry.

## MISSOURI.

Robert N. Bodine.  
Alexander M. Dockery.  
Charles F. Cochran.  
William S. Cowherd.  
David A. De Armond.  
James Cooney.  
Richard P. Bland.

Champ Clark.  
Richard Bartholdt.  
Charles F. Joy.  
Charles E. Pearce.  
Edward Robb.  
Willard D. Vandiver.  
M. E. Benton.

## MONTANA.

Charles S. Hartman.

## NEBRASKA.

Jesse B. Strode.  
David H. Mercer.  
Samuel Maxwell.

William L. Stark.  
J. D. Sutherland.  
William L. Greene.

## NEVADA.

Francis G. Newlands.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Cyrus A. Sulloway.

Frank G. Clarke.

## NEW JERSEY.

Henry C. Loudenslager.  
John J. Gardner.  
Benjamin F. Howell.  
Mahlon Pitney.

James F. Stewart.  
Richard Wayne Parker.  
Thomas McEwan, jr.  
Charles Newell Fowler.

## NEW YORK.

Joseph M. Belford.  
Denis M. Hurley.  
Francis H. Wilson.  
Israel F. Fischer.  
Charles G. Bennett.  
James R. Howe.  
John H. G. Vehslage.  
John Murray Mitchell.  
Thomas J. Bradley.  
Amos J. Cummings.  
William Sulzer.  
George B. McClellan.  
Richard C. Shannon.  
Lemuel E. Quigg.  
Phillip B. Low.  
William L. Ward.  
Benjamin B. Odell, jr.

John H. Ketcham.  
Aaron V. S. Cochrane.  
George N. Southwick.  
David F. Wilber.  
Lucius N. Littauer.  
Wallace T. Foote, jr.  
Charles A. Chickering.  
James S. Sherman.  
George W. Ray.  
James J. Belden.  
Serenio E. Payne.  
Charles W. Gillet.  
James W. Wadsworth.  
Henry C. Brewster.  
Rowland B. Mahany.  
De Alva S. Alexander.  
Warren B. Hooker.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

Harry Skinner.  
George H. White.  
John E. Fowler.  
William F. Strowd.  
William W. Kitchin.

Charles H. Martin.  
A. C. Shuford.  
Romulus Z. Linney.  
Richmond Pearson.

## NORTH DAKOTA.

Martin N. Johnson.

## OHIO.

William B. Shattuc.  
Jacob H. Bromwell.  
John L. Brenner.  
George A. Marshall.  
David Meekison.  
Seth W. Brown.  
Walter L. Weaver.  
Archibald Lybrand.  
James Harding Southard.  
Lucien J. Fenton.  
Charles H. Grosvenor.

John J. Lentz.  
James A. Norton.  
Winfield S. Kerr.  
Henry C. Van Voorhis.  
Lorenzo Danford.  
John A. McDowell.  
Robert W. Taylor.  
Stephen A. Northway.  
Clifton B. Beach.  
Theo. E. Burton.

## OREGON.

Thomas H. Tongue.

William R. Ellis.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

Galusha A. Grow (at large).  
Samuel A. Davenport (at large).  
Henry H. Bingham.  
Robert Adams, jr.  
William McAleer.  
James Rankin Young.  
Alfred C. Harmer.  
Thomas S. Butler.  
Irving P. Wanger.  
William S. Kirkpatrick.  
Daniel Ermentrout.  
Marriott Brosius.  
William Connell.  
Morgan B. Williams.  
Charles N. Brumm.

Marlin E. Olmsted.  
James H. Coddling.  
Horace B. Packer.  
Monroe H. Kulp.  
Thaddeus M. Mahon.  
George J. Benner.  
Josiah D. Hicks.  
Edward E. Robbins.  
John Dalzell.  
William A. Stone.  
Ernest F. Acheson.  
John C. Sturtevant.  
Charles W. Stone.  
William C. Arnold.

## RHODE ISLAND.

Melville Bull.

Adin B. Capron.

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

William Elliott.  
W. Jasper Talbert.  
Asbury C. Latimer.  
Stanyarne Wilson.

Thomas J. Strait.  
John L. McLaurin.  
J. William Stokes.

## SOUTH DAKOTA.

[At large.]

John E. Kelley.

Freeman Knowles.

## TENNESSEE.

Walter P. Brownlow.  
Henry R. Gibson.  
John A. Moon.  
Benton McMillin.  
James D. Richardson.

John Wesley Gaines.  
Nicholas N. Cox.  
T. W. Sims.  
Rice A. Pierce.  
E. W. Carmack.

## TEXAS.

Thomas H. Ball.  
Sam. Bronson Cooper.  
R. C. De Graffenried.  
John W. Cranford.  
Joseph W. Bailey.  
R. E. Burke.  
R. L. Henry.

Samuel W. T. Lanham.  
Joseph D. Sayers.  
R. B. Hawley.  
Rudolph Kleberg.  
James L. Slayden.  
John H. Stephens.

## UTAH.

William H. King.

## VERMONT.

H. Henry Powers.

William W. Grout.

## VIRGINIA.

William A. Jones.  
William A. Young.  
John Lamb.  
Sydney P. Epes.  
Claude A. Swanson.

Peter J. Otey.  
James Hay.  
John F. Rixey.  
James A. Walker.  
Jacob Yost.

## WASHINGTON.

[At large.]

James Hamilton Lewis.

William C. Jones.

## WEST VIRGINIA.

Blackburn B. Dovener.  
Alston G. Dayton.

Charles P. Dorr.  
Warren Miller.

## WISCONSIN.

Henry A. Cooper.  
Edward Sauerhering.  
Joseph W. Babcock.  
Theobald Otjen.  
Samuel S. Barney.

James H. Davidson.  
Michael Griffin.  
Edward S. Minor.  
Alexander Stewart.  
John J. Jenkins.

## WYOMING.

John E. Osborne.

## DELEGATES FROM TERRITORIES.

## ARIZONA.

Marcus A. Smith.

## NEW MEXICO.

Harvey B. Fergusson.

## OKLAHOMA.

James Y. Callahan.

The CLERK. The Clerk desires to state for the information of members-elect that the roll as called is complete with the exception of the Tenth district of Iowa, the Fourth district of Tennessee, the Ninth district of Tennessee, the First district of Texas, and the State of Utah, credentials from those districts not having yet been filed with the Clerk.

The Clerk also desires to present, for the information of the House and in order to make a permanent record, a statement showing the changes that have occurred since the regular election of members of the Fifty-fifth Congress; and he asks that the same be incorporated in the RECORD.



The statement is as follows:

*List of vacancies since the regular election of the Fifty-fifth Congress.*

District.	Name.	Date of vacancy.
Pennsylvania, Twenty-fifth.....	James J. Davidson.....	Died Jan. 2, 1897.
Missouri, First .....	Richard P. Giles.....	Died Nov. 17, 1896.

The CLERK. The roll call, being completed, shows the presence of 345 members. A quorum of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Congress is present.

#### ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

The next business in order is the election of Speaker, and nominations will now be received.

Mr. GROSVENOR. Mr. Clerk, I have the honor to present for the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Congress the Hon. THOMAS BRACKETT REED, a member-elect to this Congress from the State of Maine. [Applause.]

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Clerk, I have the honor to place in nomination for Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Congress the Hon. JOSEPH W. BAILEY, a Representative-elect from the Fifth Congressional district of the State of Texas. [Applause.]

Mr. SIMPSON of Kansas. Mr. Clerk, I have the honor of placing in nomination for Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Congress the Hon. JOHN C. BELL, of Colorado, a member-elect to this House.

The CLERK. If there are no other nominations, the roll will now be called.

Mr. McMILLIN. Mr. Clerk, I desire to submit a parliamentary inquiry. I am a member duly elected from the State of Tennessee to this Congress. My certificate of election was forwarded, but got mislaid before it was deposited with the Clerk. My name, as I am informed, is not on the roll as now made up.

The CLERK. That is correct.

Mr. McMILLIN. I wanted to ask the House, at the proper time, to permit my name to be placed on the roll, so that I may be sworn in with the other members.

But the parliamentary inquiry I desired to make is, whether this is the proper time for me to make that request, in order that I may cast my vote in this election for Speaker of the House of Representatives and the other officers?

The CLERK. It will not be in order to make that request until after the election of a Speaker.

Mr. HENDERSON. Mr. Clerk, I desire to give notice that the same condition exists with respect to the Tenth district of the State of Iowa. My colleague, Mr. DOLLIVER, was duly elected, and I shall at the proper time make the same request.

Mr. GROSVENOR. Mr. Clerk, I think it competent to ask unanimous consent that both these gentlemen be sworn in now.

Mr. COX. I desire to state, Mr. Clerk, that the same application will be made in behalf of my colleague, Mr. RICE A. PIERCE, of the Ninth district of the State of Tennessee.

The CLERK. The Clerk will appoint Mr. LOUDENSLAGER, of New Jersey; Mr. HARTMAN, of Montana; Mr. RICHARDSON, of Tennessee, and Mr. SIMPSON of Kansas to act as tellers to canvass the vote on the election of Speaker.

Mr. COOPER of Texas. Mr. Clerk, I wish to submit a parliamentary inquiry. Would it not be in order to ask unanimous consent of the House to place the names of members who have been duly elected on the roll, but whose certificates have not been received?

The CLERK. It would not.

Mr. McMILLIN. Would it be in order to ask unanimous consent for the privilege of voting on this election?

Mr. WILLIAM A. STONE. I do not think the House, under the present conditions, could give unanimous consent.

The CLERK. It could not.

Mr. McMILLIN. I so thought myself, but wished to test the matter.

The CLERK. The roll will now be called, and members, as their names are reached on the call, will indicate the candidate of their choice.

The tellers having taken their places, the House proceeded to vote viva voce for Speaker.

The following is the vote in detail:

#### For Thomas B. Reed of Maine—200.

Acheson,	Barrows,	Boutelle,	Butler,
Adams,	Bartholdt,	Brewster,	Cannon,
Alexander,	Beach,	Broderick,	Capron,
Arnold,	Belden,	Bromwell,	Chickering,
Babcock,	Belford,	Brosius,	Clark, Iowa,
Baker, Md.	Belknap,	Brown,	Clarke, N. H.
Barber,	Bennett,	Brownlow,	Cochrane, N. Y.
Barham,	Bingham,	Brumm,	Coddling,
Barney,	Bishop,	Bull,	Colson,
Barrett,	Booze,	Burton,	Connell,

Connolly,  
Cooke,  
Cooper, Wis.  
Corliss,  
Cousins,  
Crump,  
Crumpacker,  
Curtis, Iowa  
Curtis, Kans.  
Dalzell,  
Danford,  
Davenport,  
Davidson, Wis.  
Davison, Ky.  
Dayton,  
Dingley,  
Dorr,  
Dovener,  
Eddy,  
Ellis,  
Evans,  
Faris,  
Fenton,  
Fischer,  
Fletcher,  
Foots,  
Foss,  
Fowler, N. J.  
Gardner,  
Gibson,  
Gillett, N. Y.  
Gillett, Mass.  
Graft,  
Griffin,  
Grosvenor,  
Grout,  
Grow,  
Hager,  
Hamilton,  
Harmer,

Hawley,  
Heatwole,  
Hemenway,  
Henderson,  
Henry, Conn.  
Henry, Ind.  
Hepburn,  
Hicks,  
Hillborn,  
Hill,  
Hitt,  
Hooker,  
Hopkins,  
Howe,  
Howell,  
Hull,  
Hurley,  
Jenkins,  
Johnson, Ind.  
Johnson, N. Dak.  
Joy,  
Kerr,  
Ketcham,  
Kirkpatrick,  
Knox,  
Kulp,  
Lacey,  
Landis,  
Mitchell,  
Littauer,  
Lorimer,  
Loudenslager,  
Lovering,  
Low,  
Lybrand,  
McCall,  
McCleary,  
McDonald,  
McEwan,

McIntire,  
Mahany,  
Mahon,  
Mann,  
Marsh,  
Mercer,  
Mesick,  
Miller,  
Milliken,  
Mills,  
Minor,  
Linney,  
Moody,  
Morris,  
Mudd,  
Northway,  
Odell,  
Olmsted,  
Otjen,  
Overstreet,  
Packer, Pa.  
Parker, N. J.  
Payne,  
Pearce, Mo.  
Pearson,  
Perkins,  
Pitney,  
Powers,  
Prince,  
Pugh,  
Quigley,  
Ray, N. Y.  
Reeves,  
Robbins,  
Roose,  
Russell,  
Sauerharing,  
Shannon,  
Shattuck,  
Shelden,

Sherman,  
Simpkins, Mass.  
Smith, S. W.  
Smith, Wm. Alden  
Snover,  
Southard,  
Southwick,  
Spalding,  
Sperry,  
Sprague,  
Steele,  
Stevens, Minn.  
Stewart, N. J.  
Stewart, Wis.  
Stone, C. W.  
Stone, W. A.  
Strode, Nebr.  
Sturtevant,  
Sulloway,  
Tawney,  
Tayler, Ohio  
Tongue,  
Updegraff,  
Van Voorhis,  
Wadsworth,  
Walker, Mass.  
Walker, Va.  
Wanger,  
Ward,  
Warner,  
Weaver,  
Weymouth,  
White, Ill.  
White, N. C.  
Wilber,  
Williams, Pa.  
Wilson, N. Y.  
Wright,  
Yost,  
Young, Pa.

#### For Joseph W. Bailey of Texas—114.

Adamson,  
Allen,  
Baird,  
Baker, Ill.  
Bankhead,  
Bartlett,  
Benner, Pa.  
Benton,  
Berry,  
Bland,  
Bodine,  
Bradley,  
Brantley,  
Brenner, Ohio  
Brewer,  
Broussard,  
Brucker,  
Brundidge,  
Burke,  
Campbell,  
Carmack,  
Clardy,  
Clark, Mo.  
Clayton,  
Cochran, Mo.  
Cooney,  
Cooper, Tex.  
Cowherd,  
Cox,

Cranford,  
Cummings,  
Davey,  
Davis,  
De Armond,  
De Graffenried,  
De Vries,  
Dinsmore,  
Dockery,  
Elliott,  
Epes,  
Ermentrout,  
Fitzgerald,  
Fitzpatrick,  
Fleming,  
Fox,  
Gaines,  
Griggs,  
Handy,  
Hay,  
Henry, Miss.  
Henry, Tex.  
Hinrichsen,  
Holman,  
Howard, Ga.  
Hunter,  
Jett,  
Kitchin,  
Lamb,

Lanham,  
Latimer,  
Lentz,  
Lester,  
Lewis, Ga.  
Little,  
Livingston,  
Love,  
McClellan,  
McCulloch,  
McDowell,  
McLaurin,  
McRae,  
Maddox,  
Maguire,  
Marshall,  
Meekison,  
Meyer, La.  
Miers, Ind.  
Moon,  
Norton,  
Ogden,  
Osborne,  
Otey,  
Plowman,  
Rhea, Ky.  
Richardson,  
Rixey,  
Robb,

Robertson, La.  
Robinson, Ind.  
Sayers,  
Settle,  
Sims,  
Slayden,  
Smith, D. H.  
Sparkman,  
Stallings,  
Stephens, Tex.  
Stokes,  
Strait,  
Sullivan,  
Sulzer,  
Swanson,  
Talbert,  
Tate,  
Taylor, Ala.  
Terry,  
Underwood,  
Vandiver,  
Vehslage,  
Wheeler, Ala.  
Wheeler, Ky.  
Williams, Miss.  
Young, Va.  
Zenor.

#### For John C. Bell of Colorado—21.

Barlow,  
Botkin,  
Castle,  
Fowler, N. C.  
Greene,  
Gunn,

Howard, Ala.  
Kelley,  
Knowles,  
McCormick,  
Martin,  
Maxwell,

Peters,  
Ridgely,  
Shuford,  
Simpson, Kans.  
Skinner,  
Stark,

Strowd, N. C.  
Sutherland,  
Vincent.

#### For Francis G. Newlands of Nevada—1.

Hartman.

At the conclusion of the roll call,

The Clerk said: The tellers agree in their tally. The total number of votes cast is 336, of which Hon. THOMAS B. REED has received 200 votes, Hon. JOSEPH W. BAILEY 114 votes, Hon. JOHN C. BELL 21 votes, and Hon. FRANCIS G. NEWLANDS 1 vote. Hon. THOMAS B. REED, a Representative-elect from the State of Maine, having received a majority of all the votes cast, is duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the Fifty-fifth Congress. [Applause.] Mr. GROSVENOR of Ohio, Mr. BAILEY of Texas, Mr. BELL of Colorado, and Mr. NEWLANDS of Nevada will please conduct the Speaker-elect to the chair.

#### ADDRESS OF THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker-elect, who on being conducted to the chair was greeted with loud applause, said:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, it has been the custom for more than a century for Speakers-elect to so fully express their gratitude and their sense of honor conferred that the language by which thanks are conveyed has been long ago exhausted. Will you pardon me if I confess that on all the occasions when I have stood here, I have been more impressed by the sense of responsibility than cheered by the sentiment of thankfulness?

Yet I appreciate—no man more—the high honor of your vote and the confidence which has dictated it. But high as the honor

is, it will surely fade unless your favor is permanent. I can not, having had experience, expect to please all of you always; but I do hope, with your kind assistance and your kinder forbearance, to administer justice to each member and to both sides of the Chamber, under the rules established by the House of Representatives, without fear, favor, or the hope of reward. [Applause.]

I am now ready to take the oath of office.

Mr. HARMER of Pennsylvania, having been designated by the Clerk, administered to the Speaker-elect the oath prescribed by law.

#### SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS.

The SPEAKER. The oath of office will now be administered to members, who will be called in the order of their States.

The members presented themselves as their names were called, by States, and took respectively the oath of office provided by law.

Mr. HENDERSON (when the names of the members-elect from the State of Iowa were about to be called) said: Mr. Speaker, as Iowa is about to be called, I wish to say that my colleague, Mr. DOLLIVER, who was elected by 10,000 majority, and in regard to whose seat there is no contest, has not received his certificate. It is now on the way and will be filed to-morrow. I ask unanimous consent that Mr. DOLLIVER be sworn in with the other members of the Iowa delegation.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thinks the House is not now in condition to give unanimous consent.

Mr. HENDERSON. I think this has been done heretofore under similar circumstances.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thinks that the oath of office should be first taken by members-elect before any request of that kind is submitted. When members have been sworn in, the House will be in condition to do its work.

The oath of office having been administered to the members-elect, the roll of Delegates was called; and as the Delegates came forward they took the oath of office required by law.

Mr. HENDERSON. I renew my request for unanimous consent that Hon. JONATHAN P. DOLLIVER, member-elect from the Tenth district of Iowa, whose credentials have not yet arrived, may be now sworn in.

Mr. BAILEY. I desire to couple with the proposition of the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. HENDERSON] a request that Hon. THOMAS H. BALL, member-elect from the First district of Texas, may also be permitted now to take the oath. His credentials have not yet arrived, but his majority was in the thousands; there is no contest pending nor any proposed.

Mr. COX. I make a similar request in behalf of Hon. RICE A. PIERCE, member-elect from the Ninth district of Tennessee, and Hon. BENTON McMILLIN, member-elect from the Fourth district of the same State. In neither of these cases is there any contest or the possibility of a contest. The certificates of election have been delayed by accident.

There being no objection, Mr. DOLLIVER, Mr. BALL, Mr. PIERCE, and Mr. McMILLIN presented themselves and were duly qualified by taking the oath of office prescribed by law.

#### ELECTION OF CLERK AND OTHER OFFICERS.

Mr. GROSVENOR. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of completing the organization of the House, I offer for immediate adoption the resolution which I send to the desk.

The resolution was read, as follows:

*Resolved*, That Alexander McDowell, of the State of Pennsylvania, be, and he is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives;  
That Benjamin F. Russell, of the State of Missouri, be, and he is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives;  
That William J. Glenn, of the State of New York, be, and he is hereby, chosen Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives;  
That Joseph C. McElroy, of the State of Ohio, be, and he is hereby, chosen Postmaster of the House of Representatives; and  
That Henry N. Couden, of the State of Michigan, be, and he is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

Mr. RICHARDSON. As a substitute for the resolution just read, I offer the resolution which I send to the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That James Kerr, of the State of Pennsylvania, be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Congress;

That Henry H. Mohler, of the State of Illinois, be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Congress;

That George M. Cruickshank, of the State of Alabama, be, and is hereby, chosen Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Congress;

That T. B. Stackhouse, of the State of South Carolina, be, and is hereby, chosen Postmaster of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Congress;

That Rev. Edward B. Bagby, of the State of Virginia, be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Congress.

Mr. BELL. I ask unanimous consent to offer as a substitute the resolution which I send to the desk, that it may be pending to be voted on.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Colorado [Mr. BELL] asks to present a resolution, which will be read, as a substitute for the resolution last read.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the following named persons be chosen as officers of the House of Representatives for the Fifty-fifth Congress:  
For Clerk of the House, J. A. Edgerton, of Nebraska; for Sergeant-at-Arms, Hon. J. F. Gilbert, of California; for Doorkeeper, C. W. Cooper, of Idaho; for Postmaster, Hon. W. E. Fountain, of North Carolina; for Chaplain, Rev. Alexander Kent, of Washington, D. C.

There being no objection, the resolution proposed by Mr. BELL was regarded as pending; and the vote being taken thereon, it was rejected.

The question being then taken on the substitute offered by Mr. RICHARDSON, it was rejected.

The question then recurring on the resolution offered by Mr. GROSVENOR, it was adopted. [Applause.]

The oath of office was then administered by the Speaker to the officers-elect.

#### NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I desire to offer the resolution which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from New York [Mr. PAYNE] offers a resolution, which the Clerk will report.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk be instructed to inform the President of the United States that the House of Representatives has elected THOMAS B. REED, a Representative from the State of Maine, Speaker, and Alexander McDowell, a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania, Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Congress.

The resolution was agreed to.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. COX, its Secretary, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That a committee consisting of two Senators be appointed, to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

And that, in compliance with the foregoing, the Vice-President had appointed as said committee Mr. HOAR and Mr. COCKRELL.

Also:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

#### NOTIFICATION TO THE SENATE.

Mr. DALZELL. Mr. Speaker, I offer the resolution which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The resolution was read, as follows:

*Resolved*, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform that body that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that THOMAS B. REED, a Representative from the State of Maine, has been elected Speaker; that Alexander McDowell, a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania, has been elected Clerk, and that the House is ready for business.

The resolution was agreed to.

#### COMMITTEE TO WAIT ON THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. DINGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I desire to offer, for immediate consideration, the resolution which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Maine [Mr. DINGLEY] offers a resolution which the Clerk will report.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives, to join the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to.

#### RULES.

Mr. HENDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I offer the resolution which I send to the Clerk's desk, and ask for its immediate consideration by the House.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the resolution offered by the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. HENDERSON].

The resolution was read, as follows:

*Resolved*, That until further notice the rules of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth Congress be adopted as the rules of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Congress.

Mr. HEPBURN. Mr. Speaker, I desire to amend, so that the resolution will read—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Iowa [Mr. HENDERSON] has the floor.

Mr. HENDERSON. For what purpose does my colleague [Mr. HEPBURN] desire recognition?

Mr. HEPBURN. I desire to offer an amendment to the resolution. Am I to be permitted to offer the amendment that I desire?

Mr. HENDERSON. I will yield to hear the gentleman's statement, but not for any other purpose, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. HEPBURN. I desire to amend the resolution so that it will read that the rules of the Fifty-fourth Congress be adopted as the rules governing the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Congress for thirty days from this date.

Mr. HENDERSON. I ask for a vote on my resolution, Mr.



Speaker. The probability is that the rules will be reported before the time suggested by my colleague.

Mr. McEWAN. Mr. Speaker, a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. McEWAN. At this stage of the proceedings, when we have no rules, has not the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. HEPBURN] a right to offer any amendment, under general parliamentary law?

The SPEAKER. He has a right to offer any amendment, but the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. HENDERSON] is recognized to control the question.

Mr. HENDERSON. I ask for the previous question, Mr. Speaker, and will say to my colleague [Mr. HEPBURN] that the rules will probably be reported long before the thirty days expire, but it is unusual to put a limitation of that kind in this resolution.

Mr. McMILLIN. We were unable to hear the gentleman's statement.

Mr. HENDERSON. This is the usual course. I have no doubt that the committee which will have charge of the matter will report before thirty days, and therefore this limitation is not needed. This is the usual resolution, and I hope the previous question will be adopted.

Mr. McMILLIN. That answers in part what we should like to hear from the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. HENDERSON], and that is, whether it is the purpose of the committee—I infer that it is, but I think we might as well understand it—to report a code of rules, and let there be an opportunity for the House to vote upon them?

Mr. HENDERSON. I think there is no doubt but that will be done. That has always been our purpose, and that the House will have the fullest opportunity, I will say to the gentleman, to offer amendments to the rules that will be presented.

Mr. HEPBURN. Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Iowa [Mr. HENDERSON] asks for the previous question.

Mr. HEPBURN. I desire to raise a point of order. My amendment must be in order, in the absence of rules. There is no previous question without a rule, and there is no rule here which gives to the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. HENDERSON] the right to make that motion. His motion is to adopt rules, which is a concession that there are none. Therefore I insist upon my right to make this amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair overrules the point of order.

Mr. WILLIAM A. STONE. Mr. Speaker, a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. WILLIAM A. STONE. The gentleman from Iowa [Mr. HENDERSON] was recognized by the Chair, as I understand it. While we have no rules, no man is on the floor until recognized by the Speaker. Therefore—

Mr. HENDERSON. The only question pending is the demand for the previous question.

The SPEAKER. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question being taken, Mr. HEPBURN and others demanded a division.

The House divided; and there were—ayes 158, noes 158.

Mr. HENDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I demand the yeas and nays.

Mr. JENKINS. Let us have tellers.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Iowa demands the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The question was taken; and there were—yeas 182, nays 154, not voting 18; as follows:

## YEAS—182.

Acheson,	Cannon,	Foss,	Hurley,
Adams,	Capron,	Fowler, N. J.	Jenkins,
Alexander,	Chickering,	Gardner,	Johnson, Ind.
Arnold,	Clark, Iowa	Gibson,	Johnson, N. Dak.
Babcock,	Clarke, N. H.	Gillet, N. Y.	Joy,
Baker, Md.	Cochrane, N. Y.	Gillett, Mass.	Kerr,
Barber,	Coddling,	Graff,	Ketcham,
Barham,	Connell,	Griffin,	Kirkpatrick,
Barney,	Cooke,	Grosvenor,	Knox,
Barrows,	Cousins,	Grout,	Kulp,
Bartholdt,	Crump,	Grow,	Lacey,
Beach,	Crumppacker,	Hager,	Landis,
Belden,	Curtis, Iowa	Hamilton,	Linney,
Belford,	Curtis, Kans.	Harmer,	Littauer,
Belknap,	Dalzell,	Hawley,	Lorimer,
Bennett,	Danford,	Heatwole,	Loud,
Bingham,	Davenport,	Hemenway,	Loudermiller,
Bishop,	Davidson, Wis.	Henderson,	Lovering,
Booze,	Davidson, Ky.	Henry, Conn.	Low,
Boutelle,	Dayton,	Henry, Ind.	Lybrand,
Brewster,	Dingley,	Hicks,	McCall,
Broderick,	Dolliver,	Hilborn,	McClary,
Bromwell,	Dorr,	Hill,	McDonald,
Brosius,	Dovener,	Hitt,	McIntire,
Brown,	Ellis,	Hooker,	Mahon,
Brownlow,	Evans,	Hopkins,	Mann,
Bull,	Faris,	Howe,	Marsh,
Burton,	Fischer,	Howell,	Meekison,
Butler,	Footes,	Hull,	Mercer,

Mesick,	Pearson,	Smith, G. W.	Tongue,
Miller,	Perkins,	Snover,	Updegraff,
Milliken,	Pitney,	Southard,	Van Voorhis,
Mills,	Powers,	Southwick,	Wanger,
Mitchell,	Prince,	Spalding,	Ward,
Moody,	Pugh,	Sperry,	Warner,
Morris,	Ray, N. Y.	Sprague,	Weaver,
Mudd,	Reeves,	Steele,	Weymouth,
Northway,	Robbins,	Stevens, Minn.	White, N. C.
Odell,	Royce,	Stewart, N. J.	Wilber,
Olmsted,	Russell,	Stewart, Wis.	Williams, Pa.
Otjen,	Sauerhering,	Stone, C. W.	Wilson, N. Y.
Overstreet,	Shannon,	Stone, W. A.	Wright,
Packer, Pa.	Shattuc,	Strode, Nebr.	Yost,
Parker, N. J.	Shelden,	Sturtevant,	Young, Pa.
Payne,	Sherman,	Tawney,	
Pearce, Mo.	Simpkins, Mass.	Taylor, Ohio	

## NAYS—154.

Adamson,	Cranford,	Lentz,	Robinson, Ind.
Allen,	Cummings,	Lester,	Sayers,
Bailey,	Davey,	Lewis, Ga.	Settle,
Baird,	Davis,	Little,	Shuford,
Baker, Ill.	De Armond,	Livingston,	Simpson, Kans.
Ball,	De Graffenried,	Love,	Sims,
Bankhead,	De Vries,	McCormick,	Skinner,
Barlow,	Dinsmore,	McClellan,	Slayden,
Bartlett,	Dockery,	McCulloch,	Smith, D. H.
Bell,	Eddy,	McDowell,	Smith, Wm. Alden
Benner, Pa.	Elliot,	McEwan,	Sparkman,
Benton,	Epes,	McLaurin,	Stallings,
Berry,	Ermentrout,	McMillin,	Stark,
Bland,	Fitzgerald,	McRae,	Stephens, Tex.
Bodine,	Fitzpatrick,	Maddox,	Stokes,
Botkin,	Fleming,	Maguire,	Strait,
Bradley,	Fowler, N. C.	Mahany,	Strowd, N. C.
Brantley,	Gaines,	Marshall,	Sullivan,
Brenner, Ohio	Greene,	Martin,	Sulloway,
Brewer,	Griggs,	Maxwell,	Sulzer,
Broussard,	Gunn,	Meyer, La.	Sutherland,
Brucker,	Handy,	Miers, Ind.	Swanson,
Brumm,	Hartman,	Minor,	Talbert,
Brundidge,	Hay,	Moon,	Tate,
Burke,	Henry, Miss.	Newlands,	Taylor, Ala.
Carmack,	Henry, Tex.	Norton,	Terry,
Castle,	Hepburn,	Ogden,	Todd,
Catchings,	Hinrichsen,	Osborne,	Underwood,
Clardy,	Holman,	Otey,	Vandiver,
Clark, Mo.	Howard, Ala.	Peters,	Vehslage,
Clayton,	Howard, Ga.	Pierce, Tenn.	Vincent,
Cochran, Mo.	Hunter,	Plowman,	Walker, Mass.
Colson,	Jett,	Quigg,	Walker, Va.
Connolly,	Jones, Wash.	Rhea, Ky.	Wheeler, Ala.
Cooney,	Kitchin,	Richardson,	Wheeler, Ky.
Cooper, Tex.	Knowles,	Ridgely,	Williams, Miss.
Cooper, Wis.	Lamb,	Rixey,	Zenor.
Cowherd,	Lanham,	Robb,	
Cox,	Latimer,	Robertson, La.	

## NOT VOTING—18.

Barrett,	Fox,	Lewis, Wash.	White, Ill.
Campbell,	Jones, Va.	McAleer,	Wilson, S. C.
Corliss,	Kelley,	Shafroth,	Young, Va.
Fenton,	King,	Smith, S. W.	
Fletcher,	Kleberg,	Wadsworth,	

So the previous question was ordered.

## COMMITTEE TO WAIT ON THE PRESIDENT.

The SPEAKER (during the roll call). The Chair desires to interrupt the roll call to announce the appointment, as the committee on the part of the House to wait on the President, of Mr. PAYNE of New York, Mr. NORTHWAY of Ohio, and Mr. BAILEY of Texas.

## RULES.

Mr. LESTER. Mr. Speaker, I desire to vote.

The SPEAKER. Was the gentleman in the Hall when his name was called and listening and failed to hear it?

Mr. LESTER. I do not think we have any rules now, have we?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is correct.

The name of Mr. LESTER was called, and he voted "nay."

The result of the vote was then announced as above recorded. [Applause on the Republican side.]

The SPEAKER. The previous question having been ordered, the question now is on agreeing to the resolution.

Mr. HEPBURN. A parliamentary inquiry. I suppose there are twenty minutes for debate on this proposition?

Mr. HENDERSON. Not until the rules are adopted, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thinks not. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

Mr. HEPBURN. If there is a rule, Mr. Speaker, for the previous question, then it seems to me if part of that rule is to be adopted we will get twenty minutes for debate upon a side.

The SPEAKER. But there are rules and rules. [Laughter.]

There was a rule for the previous question in the Fifty-second, Fifty-third, and Fifty-fourth Congresses, and also a rule for the previous question in general parliamentary law. In the House of Representatives heretofore the rule has allowed twenty minutes for debate, but that is not the rule under which we are now acting; and, perhaps the Chair ought to observe, there has been debate enough to cut off that twenty minutes before the previous question was ordered.



The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes seemed to have it.

Mr. HEPBURN. Division, Mr. Speaker.

The House divided; and there were—ayes 157; noes 133.

So the resolution was agreed to.

#### HOUR OF MEETING.

Mr. HOPKINS. Mr. Speaker, I offer the following resolution. The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That, until otherwise ordered, the daily hour of meeting of the House of Representatives be at 12 o'clock m.

The question was taken; and the resolution was agreed to.

#### DRAWING SEATS.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I present the following resolution. The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House do now proceed to draw seats for Members and Delegates of the present Congress, in pursuance of Rule XXXII of the last House, and when names of members absent from the city on account of sickness are called, that seats be selected for them by their colleagues.

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman from Illinois yield to the gentleman from Tennessee?

Mr. CANNON. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. RICHARDSON. I want to ask, Mr. Speaker, if it is understood that the minority side of the House shall have the right to occupy this tier of seats on the main aisle. I want to ask in behalf of the minority that they be allowed to occupy seats on the main aisle, and from there to my left.

Mr. McMILLIN. I would suggest to my colleague and to the House that it is a matter of right, without having to be understood. Each member has the right to go in any of that territory if he chooses, without the House itself makes a contrary order.

Mr. RICHARDSON. Just one word more. Of course there is no rule which fixes the location of a member when his name is called. We understand that; but we prefer, if we can, that this matter be arranged in advance, as has always been done in previous Congresses. It is somewhat more convenient for members of the same party to have seats together. I suggest that, in accordance with the long established and unbroken custom, we have an agreement now, by common consent, that the minority of the House be accorded the seats on this side extending to the main aisle. Let me add that this is in strict harmony with what was done in the Fifty-third Congress. In the Fifty-second Congress, when the Democratic side of the House greatly preponderated over the Republican side, there being only about 85 or 90 Republicans in that Congress, the seats of the Democrats did go to the first aisle on the Republican side; but the Chair and other gentlemen will remember, and the RECORD shows, that in the Fifty-third Congress, when the Republicans had increased their number so that the present occupant of the chair received 121 votes for the office of Speaker—just about the number of Democrats now upon this floor—the majority side then acceded to the suggestion of the present occupant of the Chair, and the Republicans were allowed to select these seats extending to the main aisle.

Now, inasmuch as the minority members of this House are considerably greater in number than the minority in the Fifty-third Congress, I hope there will be no objection to the request which I make. I can turn to the RECORD, if it be necessary, and have read the remarks then made by the present occupant of the chair, who insisted on behalf of the minority in the Fifty-third Congress, consisting of 121 members, that they should have seats extending to the main aisle, and the Democratic party, then in the majority, at once accorded them that privilege, and they did occupy these seats. I hope, therefore, that the same courtesy will now be extended to the minority on this side, inasmuch as it is considerably more numerous than the minority in the Fifty-third Congress, there being one hundred and twenty and odd Democrats and some twenty-odd additional members of the House in opposition to the majority party, making a total minority of about 150 members, which, as gentlemen will see, is considerably larger than the Republican minority in the Fifty-third Congress.

Mr. CONNOLLY. May I ask the gentleman a question?

Mr. RICHARDSON. Certainly.

Mr. CONNOLLY. As I understand it, the proposition which the gentleman makes involves this: That no Republican members are to acquire seats on the left hand of the main aisle in the first block.

Mr. RICHARDSON. Until the other seats are taken.

Mr. CONNOLLY. Then it is not proposed to exclude them absolutely from the first block of seats to the left of the aisle?

Mr. RICHARDSON. Not at all.

Several MEMBERS. Oh, yes; it is.

Mr. RICHARDSON. I misunderstood the gentleman's question; that would be the effect of my suggestion.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I ask the attention of the House for a moment. There are 179 seats west of the main aisle. If Republican members, as their names are called, will occupy all

the seats upon this side of the aisle, there will still be 24 Republicans without seats. In the minority there are, I believe, 121 Democrats, and some 31 Populists, Fusionists, Silverites, etc. [Laughter.]

Mr. SIMPSON of Kansas. If the gentleman will allow me, there are 21 Populists, without the Silverites.

Mr. CANNON. Well, if the Populists and the Fusionists and the other gentlemen come on this side of the aisle to take seats, then some Republicans will have to find seats on the other side. Now, I apprehend that every member has the legal right, when his name is called, to take any seat that is vacant, but I suppose that, following precedent, the Republicans will occupy the seats upon this side of the aisle, and the 24 Republicans who can not find seats here will take seats in the two blocks over there in what is sometimes known as "the Cherokee Strip." [Laughter.] There are 64 seats over there, and the Republicans who are left, will, I suppose, following precedent, find the best seats they can among those 64. That seems to be the way the matter has been settled heretofore, but I do not see that we can adopt any resolution about it, and now, with that statement, if there is nothing further to be said, I shall be glad to have a vote.

The resolution of Mr. CANNON was adopted.

Mr. McMILLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to make a request concerning seats. My request is that before the drawing commences the ex-Speaker of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. GROW, be permitted to select his seat upon the Republican side, and that the only member on this side who has served over fourteen terms shall be permitted to select a seat on this side of the House. This privilege has been granted on previous occasions, and I trust there will be no objection to it now.

Mr. WILLIAM A. STONE. Mr. Speaker, I think the request ought to include my colleague from Pennsylvania, Mr. HARMER, who also has served more than fourteen terms.

Mr. McMILLIN. I shall not object to that.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the proposition of the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. McMILLIN].

Mr. CANNON. What is the proposition?

The SPEAKER. The proposition is that the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. GROW, and the gentleman from Indiana, Mr. HOLMAN, be allowed to select seats in advance of the drawing.

Mr. WILLIAM A. STONE. And I suggest that the same privilege be granted to my colleague from Pennsylvania, Mr. HARMER.

Mr. McMILLIN. Mr. Speaker, it is suggested that the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. HARMER, be accorded the same privilege, and I am entirely agreeable to that.

A MEMBER. And the gentleman from Missouri, Mr. BLAND.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, if we are going into that kind of business, I suggest that the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the last Congress, and some other gentleman who may be selected on the Democratic side, be accorded the same privilege.

Mr. McMILLIN. I should be entirely willing to include the gentleman without asking the privilege for any additional member on this side.

The SPEAKER. What is the proposition of the gentleman from Tennessee?

Mr. McMILLIN. I submitted originally the proposition that the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. GROW, who, as an ex-Speaker of the House, should, in accordance with custom, be awarded the courtesy now proposed, and also the gentleman from Indiana, Mr. HOLMAN, who now enters on his sixteenth term, be permitted to select their seats in advance of the drawing. Then there was a proposition that the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. HARMER, the next oldest member in service on the other side of the House, should be permitted to select his seat. Then it was further suggested that the gentleman from Missouri, Mr. BLAND, who is the next oldest in service on our side, should have the same privilege. Thereupon the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. CANNON, suggested that an amendment be made which would include him—

Several MEMBERS. Oh, no; that was not the proposition.

Mr. McMILLIN. I have no objection whatever to including the gentleman from Illinois; but when it comes to this matter of determining seniority, it happens that I would be the next oldest in service on this side, though I am not yet old.

Several MEMBERS. Certainly not.

The SPEAKER. The proposition which the Chair will submit is that of the gentleman from Tennessee, unless he modifies it. Is there unanimous consent that the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. GROW, and the gentleman from Indiana, Mr. HOLMAN, be allowed to select their seats in advance of the drawing?

Mr. WILLIAM A. STONE. Pending that request, I ask the gentleman from Tennessee to add to his proposition a similar request in behalf of my colleague, Mr. HARMER.

Mr. McMILLIN. The gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. WILLIAM A. STONE] can make that request subsequently. I think this proposition ought to be submitted without that addition.



Mr. WILLIAM A. STONE. Why not let this go in with the other?

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the proposition of the gentleman from Tennessee?

Mr. WILLIAM A. STONE. I do not want to object to the proposition—

Mr. ADAMS. I object, unless my colleague, Mr. HARMER, is included. He is, by reason of length of service, the father of this House, and is entitled as such to choose his seat in advance of the drawing.

The SPEAKER. Objection is made.

Several MEMBERS. Regular order!

The SPEAKER. Gentlemen will now take their places in the rear of the railing, and the drawing of seats will proceed in accordance with the rule.

#### REPORT OF NOTIFYING COMMITTEE.

During the drawing of seats,

Mr. PAYNE (who appeared at the bar of the House in company with Mr. NORTHWAY and Mr. BAILEY) said: Mr. Speaker, the committee appointed by the House to join a similar committee on the part of the Senate for the purpose of waiting upon the President of the United States and informing him that a quorum of the two Houses has assembled and is ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make has performed that duty, and desires to report that the President sends to Congress his kindest greetings, and says that he will communicate immediately in writing.

The drawing for seats was resumed and concluded.

#### SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

The following message from the President of the United States, communicated to the House by Mr. PRUDEN, one of his secretaries, was read:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Regretting the necessity which has required me to call you together, I feel that your assembling in extraordinary session is indispensable because of the condition in which we find the revenues of the Government. It is conceded that its current expenditures are greater than its receipts, and that such a condition has existed for now more than three years. With unlimited means at our command, we are presenting the remarkable spectacle of increasing our public debt by borrowing money to meet the ordinary outlays incident upon even an economical and prudent administration of the Government. An examination of the subject discloses this fact in every detail and leads inevitably to the conclusion that the condition of the revenue which allows it is unjustifiable and should be corrected.

We find by the reports of the Secretary of the Treasury that the revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, from all sources were \$425,868,260.22, and the expenditures for all purposes were \$415,953,808.56, leaving an excess of receipts over expenditures of \$9,914,451.66. During that fiscal year \$40,570,467.98 were paid upon the public debt, which had been reduced since March 1, 1889, \$259,076,890, and the annual interest charge decreased \$11,684,576.60. The receipts of the Government from all sources during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, amounted to \$461,716,561.94, and its expenditures to \$459,374,887.65, showing an excess of receipts over expenditures of \$2,341,674.29.

Since that time the receipts of no fiscal year, and, with but few exceptions, of no month of any fiscal year, have exceeded the expenditures. The receipts of the Government from all sources during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894, were \$372,802,493.29, and its expenditures \$442,605,758.87, leaving a deficit, the first since the resumption of specie payments, of \$69,803,265.58. Notwithstanding there was a decrease of \$16,769,128.78 in the ordinary expenses of the Government, as compared with the previous fiscal year, its income was still not sufficient to provide for its daily necessities, and the gold reserve in the Treasury for the redemption of greenbacks was drawn upon to meet them. But this did not suffice, and the Government then resorted to loans to replenish the reserve.

In February, 1894, \$50,000,000 in bonds were issued, and in November following a second issue of \$50,000,000 was deemed necessary. The sum of \$117,171,795 was realized by the sale of these bonds, but the reserve was steadily decreased until, on February 8, 1895, a third sale of \$62,315,400 in bonds, for \$65,116,244, was announced to Congress.

The receipts of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, were \$390,373,203.30, and the expenditures \$433,178,426.48, showing a deficit of \$42,805,223.18. A further loan of \$100,000,000 was negotiated by the Government in February, 1896, the sale netting \$111,165,246, and swelling the aggregate of bonds issued within three years to \$262,315,400. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, the revenues of the Government from all sources amounted to \$109,475,408.78, while its expenditures were \$434,678,654.48, or an excess of expenditures over receipts of \$325,203,245.70. In other

words, the total receipts for the three fiscal years ending June 30, 1896, were insufficient by \$137,811,729.46 to meet the total expenditures.

Nor has this condition since improved. For the first half of the present fiscal year the receipts of the Government, exclusive of postal revenues, were \$157,507,603.76, and its expenditures, exclusive of postal service, \$195,410,000.22, or an excess of expenditures over receipts of \$37,902,396.46. In January of this year the receipts, exclusive of postal revenues, were \$24,316,994.05, and the expenditures, exclusive of postal service, \$30,269,339.29, a deficit of \$5,952,345.24 for the month. In February of this year the receipts exclusive of postal revenues, were \$24,400,997.38, and expenditures, exclusive of postal service, \$28,796,056.66, a deficit of \$4,395,059.28; or a total deficiency of \$186,061,580.44 for the three years and eight months ending March 1, 1897. Not only are we without a surplus in the Treasury, but, with an increase in the public debt, there has been a corresponding increase in the annual interest charge from \$22,893,883.20 in 1892, the lowest of any year since 1862, to \$34,387,297.60 in 1896, or an increase of \$11,493,414.40.

It may be urged that even if the revenues of the Government had been sufficient to meet all its ordinary expenses during the past three years, the gold reserve would still have been insufficient to meet the demands upon it, and that bonds would necessarily have been issued for its repletion. Be this as it may, it is clearly manifest, without denying or affirming the correctness of such a conclusion, that the debt would have been decreased in at least the amount of the deficiency, and business confidence immeasurably strengthened throughout the country.

Congress should promptly correct the existing condition. Ample revenues must be supplied not only for the ordinary expenses of the Government, but for the prompt payment of liberal pensions and the liquidation of the principal and interest of the public debt. In raising revenue, duties should be so levied upon foreign products as to preserve the home market, so far as possible, to our own producers; to revive and increase manufactures; to relieve and encourage agriculture; to increase our domestic and foreign commerce; to aid and develop mining and building, and to render to labor in every field of useful occupation the liberal wages and adequate rewards to which skill and industry are justly entitled. The necessity of the passage of a tariff law which shall provide ample revenue need not be further urged. The imperative demand of the hour is the prompt enactment of such a measure, and to this object I earnestly recommend that Congress shall make every endeavor. Before other business is transacted let us first provide sufficient revenue to faithfully administer the Government without the contracting of further debt or the continued disturbance of our finances.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, March 15, 1897.

Mr. DINGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the message just read be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, when appointed, and be ordered to be printed.

The motion was agreed to.

#### TARIFF BILL.

Mr. DINGLEY. I desire to present a bill to provide revenue for the Government and to encourage the industries of the United States [applause]; and I move the reference of the same to the Committee on Ways and Means, when appointed.

The bill (H. R. 27) was read a first and second time, and, on motion of Mr. DINGLEY, ordered to be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, when appointed.

Mr. DINGLEY. I ask unanimous consent for the consideration of a resolution for printing extra copies of the bill which I have just introduced. There will be at once distributed to each member of the House one copy for immediate examination; but there is, of course, a great desire for additional copies. I therefore ask unanimous consent for the consideration of the resolution which I send to the desk.

The resolution was read, as follows:

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That there be printed for the use of the two Houses 20,000 copies of House bill No. 27, entitled "A bill to provide revenue for the Government and to encourage the industries of the United States," 6,000 copies for the use of the Senate and 14,000 for the use of the House.*

Mr. DOCKERY. I desire to ask the gentleman from Maine whether it is contemplated to print the bill in the comparative form heretofore adopted on such occasions?

Mr. DINGLEY. At present the bill in its simple form is all that can be printed. The comparative tables, however, will be ready in a short time.

Mr. McMILLIN. Can the gentleman give us any idea when the comparative statement may be had?

Mr. DINGLEY. I can not to-night; but within a very short time, I will state.

I ask a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.



## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The SPEAKER. The Chair, under the rules, will appoint the following committees.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Committee on Rules.*—The Speaker, Messrs. HENDERSON, DALZELL, BAILEY, and McMILLIN.

*On Ways and Means.*—Messrs. DINGLEY, PAYNE, DALZELL, HOPKINS, GROSVENOR, RUSSELL, DOLLIVER, STEELE, JOHNSON of North Dakota, EVANS, TAWNEY, BAILEY, McMILLIN, WHEELER of Alabama, McLAURIN, ROBERTSON of Louisiana, and SWANSON.

*Committee on Mileage.*—Messrs. WRIGHT, BARHAM, BOOZE, COOPER of Texas, and LEWIS.

LEAVE TO SIT DURING HOUSE SESSIONS.

Mr. DINGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I desire to submit a resolution for immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Ways and Means be authorized to sit during the sessions of the House.

The resolution was agreed to.

PRINTING FOR WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

Mr. DINGLEY also submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Ways and Means be authorized to have such printing done as may be required in the transaction of its business.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY.

Mr. DINGLEY. Mr. Speaker, believing that the business of the House at the present stage of the session will be promoted by a recess, I move that when the House adjourn to-day it be to meet on Thursday next.

The motion was agreed to.

DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES OF THE TARIFF BILL.

Mr. DINGLEY. Mr. Speaker, members desiring to obtain copies of the tariff bill can get them immediately by application at the desk of the Doorkeeper, and I ask the pages also to assist in distributing them.

And then, on motion of Mr. DINGLEY (at 4 o'clock and 2 minutes p. m.), the House adjourned until Thursday, at 12 o'clock m.

## PUBLIC BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MEMORIALS INTRODUCED.

Under clause 3 of Rule XXII, bills, resolutions, and memorials of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. McCALL: A bill (H. R. 1) to amend the immigration laws of the United States—to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

By Mr. OVERSTREET: A bill (H. R. 2) to provide for the erection of a public building at Indianapolis, Ind.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. WALKER of Massachusetts: A bill (H. R. 3) to secure to the people the advantages accruing from the issue of circulating promissory notes by banks, to increase the volume of such notes, and to supervise and control banks by officers of the United States—to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

By Mr. MERCER: A bill (H. R. 4) to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize and encourage the holding of a Transmississippi and International Exposition at the city of Omaha, in the State of Nebraska, in the year 1898," approved June 10, 1896—to the Committee on Appropriations.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5) to provide for the transfer of Fort Omaha Military Reservation to the State of Nebraska—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 6) to increase the limit of cost for the purchase of site and the erection of a public building at Omaha, Nebr.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 7) to authorize judges of United States district courts to appoint official stenographers—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8) to amend sections 140 and 145 and repealing sections 143 and 144 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to Presidential elections—to the Committee on Election of President, Vice-President, and Representatives in Congress.

Also, a bill (H. R. 9) to establish postal savings banks and to encourage small savings—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. ELLIS: A bill (H. R. 10) to amend an act entitled "An act granting pensions to the survivors of the Indian wars of 1832 to 1842, inclusive, known as the Black Hawk war, Creek war, Cherokee disturbances, and the Seminole war," approved July 27, 1892—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. MAHON: A bill (H. R. 11) to amend the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Maritime Canal Company of Nicaragua," approved February 20, 1889—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, a bill (H. R. 12) to establish a bureau of public health in the Treasury Department of the United States, to establish and maintain a system of quarantine, and to provide measures of security against the introduction and spread of contagious and epidemic diseases—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. CANNON: A bill (H. R. 13) making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, and for prior years, and for other purposes—to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. WADSWORTH: A bill (H. R. 14) making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898—to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. SHERMAN: A bill (H. R. 15) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, and for other purposes—to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CANNON: A bill (H. R. 16) making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, and for other purposes—to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. WILSON of New York: A bill (H. R. 17) to increase the general efficiency of the personnel of the Navy, etc.—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. GROSVENOR: A bill (H. R. 18) to prevent trespassing upon and providing for the protection of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. PEARSON: A bill (H. R. 19) to repeal section 4716 of the Revised Statutes of the United States—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MAHON: A bill (H. R. 20) to provide for the adjudication and payment of damages sustained by citizens of the United States in the border counties of York, Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, Bedford, Somerset, and Perry, in State of Pennsylvania, from Union and Confederate troops during the late war of the rebellion—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. BULL (by request): A bill (H. R. 21) to amend section 4965, chapter 3, Title LX, of the Revised Statutes of the United States—to the Committee on Patents.

Also, a bill (H. R. 22) for the erection of a monumental statue in the city of Washington, D. C., to the late James G. Blaine—to the Committee on the Library.

Also, a bill (H. R. 23) granting condemned guns and cannon balls to the Soldiers' Home at Bristol, R. I.—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 24) to provide a suitable site for a post-office in the city of Providence, R. I.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 25) donating condemned cannon, cannon balls, and shells to the State of Rhode Island to decorate the camp of the militia of said State—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 26) for the establishment of a light and fog-signal station on or near Hog Island Shoal, Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. DINGLEY: A bill (H. R. 27) to provide revenue for the Government and to encourage the industries of the United States—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SIMPKINS of Massachusetts (by request): A bill (H. R. 28) for the construction of fish-cultural and auxiliary stations on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts—to the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

By Mr. SHERMAN: A bill (H. R. 29) to amend the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Maritime Canal Company of Nicaragua," approved February 20, 1889—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, a bill (H. R. 30) to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate commerce"—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. BURTON: A bill (H. R. 31) to provide for a public building at Cleveland, Ohio—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. SPRAGUE: A bill (H. R. 32) to establish a classification division in the United States Patent Office—to the Committee on Patents.

Also, a bill (H. R. 33) to authorize the registration of trademarks, and to protect the same—to the Committee on Patents.

Also, a bill (H. R. 34) to provide for the publication of historical manuscripts in the Department of State, the records of the Continental Congress and Revolutionary records, and rolls now in possession of the Government, and such as may be loaned or contributed by the States or otherwise—to the Committee on Appropriations.



By Mr. ELLIS: A bill (H. R. 35) to amend an act entitled "An act for the relief of certain settlers on the public lands, and to provide for the repayment of certain fees, purchase money, and commissions paid on void entries of public lands"—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Also, a bill (H. R. 36) to provide topographic surveys and mark elevations on the arid lands—to the Committee on Irrigation of Arid Lands.

By Mr. GIBSON: A bill (H. R. 37) to codify and arrange the laws relating to pensions—to the Committee on Revision of the Laws.

By Mr. McRAE: A bill (H. R. 38) to refund the cotton tax—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 39) designating the officers before whom preliminary affidavits in entries of public lands may be executed—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Also, a bill (H. R. 40) to extend the limits and laws of the Territory of Oklahoma, and to enable the people thereof to form a constitution and State government and to be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States—to the Committee on the Territories.

By Mr. McCALL: A bill (H. R. 41) to equalize the postage on monthly publications when admitted to be carried as second-class matter—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, a bill (H. R. 42) to provide for a commission to investigate the consular and diplomatic service with reference to its reorganization—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also (by request), a bill (H. R. 43) to provide a uniform currency for the United States of America—to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

Also, a bill (H. R. 44) to supply courts for the Indian reservations, and to supplement the act approved February 8, 1887—to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 45) to create a commission to promote the uniformity of laws, to prepare codes of procedure in the Federal courts, and for other purposes—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, a bill (H. R. 46) relating to contests of elections of members of the House of Representatives—to the Committee on Elections No. 3.

Also, a bill (H. R. 47) to consolidate mail matter of the third and fourth classes—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, a bill (H. R. 48) for the establishment of a light-house on Swan Island, belonging to the United States, in the Caribbean Sea—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. UNDERWOOD: A bill (H. R. 49) to establish an arsenal at Birmingham, Ala.—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. FOWLER of New Jersey: A bill (H. R. 50) to amend the national-bank act, take the United States Government out of the banking business, refund the national debt, reform the currency, insure depositors, improve and extend our banking system, and to provide funds in case of a deficit—to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

By Mr. McRAE: A bill (H. R. 51) to approve a compromise and settlement between the United States and the State of Arkansas—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Also, a bill (H. R. 52) to define and tax trusts and to authorize the free importation of articles covered by them, and for other purposes—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, a bill (H. R. 53) for the free coinage of gold and silver and for the issue of gold and silver certificates—to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures.

Also, a bill (H. R. 54) to revive the right of action under the captured and abandoned property acts, and for other purposes—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TERRY: A bill (H. R. 55) in relation to cigarettes, and to limit the effect of the regulation of commerce between the several States and with foreign countries in certain cases—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LESTER: A bill (H. R. 56) to establish a subtreasury at Savannah, Ga.—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, a bill (H. R. 57) to establish a marine hospital at Savannah, Ga.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 58) authorizing the Court of Claims to adjudicate certain claims arising under the provisions of the act of March 12, 1863, entitled "An act to provide for the collection of abandoned property, and for the prevention of frauds in insurrectionary districts within the United States"—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 59) to authorize the President to appoint three commissioners of claims—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 60) authorizing the Court of Claims to adjudicate certain claims arising under the provisions of the act of March 12, 1863, entitled "An act to provide for the collection of abandoned property, and for the prevention of frauds in insurrectionary districts within the United States"—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. McCLELLAN: A bill (H. R. 61) concerning carriers

engaged in interstate commerce and their employees—to the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. ELLIS: A bill (H. R. 62) authorizing the Secretary of War to exchange with the Oregon National Guard of the State of Oregon, giving Springfield rifles of the pattern of 1884 for the same make of rifles of the pattern of 1873, and for other purposes—to the Committee on the Militia.

By Mr. McCALL: A bill (H. R. 63) relating to the appointment of receivers for and the reorganization of insolvent railroad corporations—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FITZGERALD: A bill (H. R. 64) to amend section 4488 of the Revised Statutes, relating to life-saving appliances on shipboard—to the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Also, a bill (H. R. 65) to equalize the pensions paid to the Union soldiers and sailors of the rebellion of 1861 to 1865, and to the widows of said Union soldiers and sailors—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. GROW: A bill (H. R. 66) to aid in establishing homes in the States and Territories for teaching articulate speech and vocal language to deaf children before they are of school age—to the Committee on Education.

Also, a bill (H. R. 67) fixing the lowest rate of pension for disability—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 68) providing that the widows of pensioners married before the close of the late war shall receive the same rate of pension that the pensioner was receiving at the time of his death, provided that the rate of her pension shall not be less than \$12 a month—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DANFORD: A bill (H. R. 69) to levy and collect duties on wool, hair, sheep, cotton, and other fibers—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, a bill (H. R. 70) establishing additional regulations concerning immigration into the United States—to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

By Mr. ACHESON: A bill (H. R. 71) to provide for the erection of a public building at Washington, Pa.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. CORLISS: A bill (H. R. 72) to provide for the registration of trade-marks on bottles, siphons, butts, hogsheds, barrels, half barrels, casks, half casks, quarter casks, kegs, boxes, tins, and other receptacles and vessels used in commerce with foreign nations, or among the several States, or with the Indian tribes, or among or in the Territories of the United States, or with or in the District of Columbia, and to prevent the fraudulent use of the same in such commerce—to the Committee on Patents.

Also, a bill (H. R. 73) to amend section 693 of the Revised Statutes of the United States—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, a bill (H. R. 74) to amend the immigration laws of the United States—to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

By Mr. TAYLER of Ohio: A bill (H. R. 75) providing for the erection of an addition to the United States public building at Canton, Ohio—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. PITNEY (by request): A bill (H. R. 76) to extend the provisions of section 4631, Title LIV, "Prize," of the Revised Statutes, and of the act of June 8, 1874, in relation to prize money to fleet officers—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. BENNETT: A bill (H. R. 77) to provide for organizing a naval battalion in the District of Columbia—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 78) providing for the construction of a steam revenue cutter for service on the Atlantic Coast of the United States, with headquarters at the port of New York—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. OVERSTREET: A bill (H. R. 79) authorizing an increase of pensions in certain cases—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 80) providing procedure in certain pension cases—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. ELLIS: A bill (H. R. 81) to establish an assay office at Baker City, in the State of Oregon—to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures.

By Mr. GROSVENOR: A bill (H. R. 82) to reorganize and increase the efficiency of the personnel of the Navy of the United States—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. McRAE: A bill (H. R. 83) to repeal section 3480 of the Revised Statutes—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HITT: A bill (H. R. 84) to provide for the erection of a public building at Freeport, Ill.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. McRAE: A bill (H. R. 119) to protect and administer public forest reservations—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. MOODY (by request): A bill (H. R. 127) to provide a roll to be known as the medal-of-honor roll—to the Committee on Military Affairs.



Also (by request), a bill (H. R. 128) to require all American vessels carrying lifeboats, yawls, gigs, dories, or small boats of any description to equip such boats with a provision safe—to the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Also, a bill (H. R. 129) to incorporate the John A. Winslow Kearsarge Survivors' Association—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GROSVENOR: A bill (H. R. 174) authorizing the Secretary of War to make certain uses of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Park, and other purposes—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. MERCER: A joint resolution (H. Res. 1) authorizing the Secretary of War to loan ordnance and ordnance stores for military instruction in high schools—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. BULL: A joint resolution (H. Res. 2) providing for a survey of Tiverton, R. I., to ascertain the proper location for a drawbridge over the Sakonnet River—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. SIMPKINS of Massachusetts: A joint resolution (H. Res. 3) for a survey of Salt Pond, in Harwich, Mass.—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. HOWE: A joint resolution (H. Res. 4) directing the Secretary of War to submit estimates for work upon Wallabout Channel, New York—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. CORLISS: A joint resolution (H. Res. 5) proposing an amendment to the Constitution, providing for the election of Senators of the United States—to the Committee on Election of President, Vice-President, and Representatives in Congress.

Also, a joint resolution (H. Res. 6) proposing an amendment to the Constitution, providing for the election of members of the House of Representatives of the United States every four years—to the Committee on Election of President, Vice-President, and Representatives in Congress.

By Mr. BENNETT: A joint resolution (H. Res. 7) directing the Secretary of War to submit estimates for work upon Wallabout Channel, New York—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. McCALL: A concurrent resolution (House Con. Res. No. 1) relative to the Secretary of the Interior being authorized to place in the library at Boston, Mass., a set of printed specifications, etc., relating to American patents—to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. FITZGERALD: A resolution (House Res. No. 1) relative to the Secretary of the Navy furnishing the House of Representatives with probable cost of the construction of a plant for the manufacture of armor plate—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

#### PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, private bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. BENNETT: A bill (H. R. 85) granting a pension to Annie Fowler—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 86) to place Henry Biederbick, Julius R. Frederick, Francis Long, and Maurice Connell on the retired list of enlisted men of the Army—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 87) for the relief of Capt. John T. Bruen, of the State of New York—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 88) granting a pension to Joseph Buckle—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BREWSTER: A bill (H. R. 89) for the relief of John E. Wilbur—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 90) granting a pension to Eunice Taylor—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 91) for the relief of Hannah Howard, step-mother of Francis W. Howard, late of Company D, Sixty-fourth New York Volunteer Infantry—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 92) granting a pension to Auguste Whitmer—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 93) granting an increased pension to Isaiah F. Force—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 94) granting an increased pension to Albert G. Mack—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 95) for the relief of George W. Brooks—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 96) granting an increased pension to William R. Bancroft—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BULL: A bill (H. R. 97) to restore Lieut. Samuel Howard to his proper rank—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, a bill (H. R. 98) for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of those who were killed by the explosion of the gun-cotton factory at the United States torpedo station at Newport, R. I.—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 99) granting a pension to Ira Ingraham—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 100) authorizing the Secretary of War to

remove the charge of desertion from Jasper L. Dodge, late of Company F, First Rhode Island Volunteer Cavalry—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 101) to correct the naval record of and grant an honorable discharge to Thomas H. Holden, of Pawtucket, R. I.—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 102) for the relief of George D. Nichols, of Providence, R. I.—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 103) granting a pension to Phebe A. Thurber, of Providence, R. I., dependent daughter of Samuel Short, a Revolutionary soldier—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 104) to remove the charge of desertion against William W. Smith, late a private in Company G, First New York Engineers—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 105) for the relief of Frank Oldis, late of the Fifth Massachusetts Artillery and the Fourth Battery of Rhode Island Artillery Volunteers—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 106) for the relief of William C. Stewart, late of Company A, First Regiment Rhode Island Volunteers—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 107) granting an honorable-discharge certificate to Hugh Kerr, late of Company K, First Battalion, Fourteenth Regiment United States Infantry—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 108) to correct the military record of John M. Knowles, Company D, First Rhode Island Cavalry—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 109) granting a pension to Rose Doherty, mother of Daniel Doherty, late of Company G, Fifth Regiment Rhode Island Artillery—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 110) granting a pension to Dr. Charles G. McKnight, late lieutenant and assistant surgeon from Rhode Island in the war of the rebellion—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 111) granting a pension to Mary R. Dean, widow of Amos G. Thomas, late captain in the Eleventh Regiment of Rhode Island Volunteers—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 112) granting a pension to Honora Breslin, widow of Morris Breslin, late a private of Company G, Third Regiment of Rhode Island Heavy Artillery Volunteers—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 113) granting a pension to John Haeley, alias John Haley, late a private in Company D, One hundred and ninety-sixth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 114) for the relief of Thomas F. Tobey—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 115) for the relief of E. W. and A. Cross, of Wakefield, R. I.—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 116) for the relief of Patrick J. Sullivan, John B. Dillon, Jeremiah McCarthy, and Bartholomew Shea, of Newport, R. I.—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 117) granting an honorable discharge to Dudley Doherty, late private Company D, Sixteenth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 118) to promote Lieut. William McCarty Little, United States Navy, retired, to be a commander on the retired list—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 120) to correct the military record of and grant an honorable discharge to Peter Rourke, late of Company C, Seventh Regiment of Rhode Island Infantry Volunteers—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 121) authorizing the Secretary of War to grant an honorable discharge to Mathew Logan, late a member of Battery H, First Regiment Rhode Island Light Artillery—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 122) for the relief of the heirs at law of the late Duncan H. Campbell—to the Committee on Patents.

Also, a bill (H. R. 123) granting a pension to William F. Bolan, invalid son of John V. Bolan, late private in Company A, Third Regiment Rhode Island Heavy Artillery—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 124) granting a pension to Ellen Dowdell, of Warren, R. I.—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 125) granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Margaret F. Joyce, widow of William H. Joyce, late a captain in Company F, Seventh Regiment Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 126) granting an increase of pension to Sarah C. Taylor—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BARTLETT: A bill (H. R. 130) for the relief of Abner Abercrombie—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. CONNOLLY: A bill (H. R. 131) for the relief of Capt. Fletcher H. Chapman—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 132) to place the name of Charles S. Devine on the pension roll—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.



By Mr. CORLISS: A bill (H. R. 133) for the relief of the workmen employed in the construction of Poverty Island Light-House, Lake Michigan—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 134) for the relief of Eunice Tripler, widow of Charles S. Tripler—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 135) for the relief of Michael Bassett—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. DANFORD: A bill (H. R. 136) to correct the military record of Boyd E. Baile—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 137) for the relief of Annie Saffell—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 138) for the relief of James Starkey—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 139) for the relief of Ferdinand Keyser—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 140) for the relief of Mrs. Mary E. V. Jones, widow of Col. James A. Jones, Twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 141) to reimburse Mrs. A. J. Smith, of Amsterdam, Ohio, for stolen postage stamps—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 142) for the relief of Lieut. George E. O'Neil, late of Company G, Thirtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 143) to restore William Welsh, late captain, United States Army, to his proper rank and promotion in the Army—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 144) for the relief of Isaac Shepherd—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 145) to correct the military record of Eli Wineman—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 146) for the relief of Margaret Davis—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 147) granting relief to James R. Shrodes for services rendered during the late civil war—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 148) for the relief of Thomas K. McCann, of Steubenville, Ohio—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 149) for the relief of Thomas Reiley—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 150) for the relief of Ross M. Stevens—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 151) for the relief of Jonathan Milburn—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 152) for the relief of Sarah E. Chamberlain—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

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Also, a bill (H. R. 154) for the relief of Jerome Brown—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. ELLIS: A bill (H. R. 155) for the relief of John W. Lewis, of Oregon—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 156) granting a pension to J. M. Swift, of Baker City, Ore.—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 157) for the relief of Margaret C. McKay, widow of the late William C. McKay, of Oregon—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 158) for the relief of W. L. Adams, of Oregon—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 159) granting an increase of pension to John Walters—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 160) to provide for the carrying out of the findings of the Court of Claims in the case of John Campbell, of Oregon—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 161) for the relief of Thomas J. Miller—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 162) for the relief of Peter Grant Stewart, of Oregon—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 163) granting a pension to P. F. Castleman, of Oregon—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 164) granting an increase of pension to John P. Thomas—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 165) for the relief of B. F. Dowell—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, a bill (H. R. 166) for the relief of George Hughes, of Portland, Ore.—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. FITZGERALD: A bill (H. R. 167) for the amendment of the military record of Herman Wenige—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 168) to remove the charge of desertion from John Kelly, late an enlisted man in the United States Navy—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 169) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of John Scanlan—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 170) for the relief of Mary A. Flynn—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 171) for the relief of the Atlantic Works, of Boston, Mass.—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 172) for the relief of David D. Smith—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 173) for the relief of heirs of Philip C. Rowe—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. GROSVENOR: A bill (H. R. 175) granting a pension to Margaret Love Skerrett—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 176) for the relief of James and Emma S. Cameron for occupation and damages to property and for fuel taken and used by the United States Army during the war—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 177) for the relief of Eva J. Stevens—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 178) for the relief of Charles Candy—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 179) granting a pension to U. S. Daniels—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 180) granting a pension to U. L. Daniels—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 181) for the relief of Enoch Vernon, a citizen of the United States—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 182) granting a pension to Hannah Dawd Vanderford—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 183) for the relief of George McFarland—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 184) for the relief of John E. Welch, a citizen of the United States—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 185) to increase the pension of W. H. H. Adams—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 186) increasing the pension of Socrates Drummond—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 187) for the relief of John Q. Armitage—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 188) for the relief of Peter C. Lawyer—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 189) granting a pension to Henry H. Alcorn—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 190) granting a pension to Sophia Kroll—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 191) for the relief of Andrew J. Sayre—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 192) for the relief of Craven W. Clowe—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 193) for the relief of William Lyons—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 194) granting a pension to Agnes Jenkins—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 195) for the relief of Stephen McNamara—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 196) granting a pension to Lawrence C. Power—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 197) granting a pension to James C. Wilson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 198) granting a pension to Horace Barstow—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 199) granting an honorable discharge to Alva A. Miller—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 200) to correct the military record of Theodore Winters—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 201) to correct the military record of Henry Farley—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 202) granting an honorable discharge to Daniel O. Doherty—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 203) granting a pension to George W. Richey—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 204) granting a pension to Ann E. Cooley—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 205) granting a pension to May Henry—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 206) granting a pension to Mary A. Thornton—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 207) granting a pension to Nelson B. Lutes—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 208) granting a pension to Aries Butcher—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HITT: A bill (H. R. 209) granting an increase of pension to Cynthia J. Capron—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 210) to correct the military record of Conrad Henning—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 211) to remove the charge of desertion against Patrick Cassidy, of Amboy, Ill., late private Company C, Thirty-fourth Ohio—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 212) to relieve Joseph S. Hurst from the charge of desertion—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 213) to amend the record of Fayette Adams,



Company I, Thirty-seventh Illinois Volunteers—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 214) granting a pension to Mrs. Mary A. Viel—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LESTER: A bill (H. R. 215) for the relief of Margaret Giebelhouse, administratrix of Philip Giebelhouse, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 216) for the relief of Jacob Rosenband, etc.—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 217) for the relief of William A. Fenwick and Mary J. Moore, administrators of James W. J. Moore, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 218) for the relief of Christian Ubele, administrator of Christian Ubele, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 219) for the relief of C. M. Gilbert & Co.—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 220) for the relief of the owners of the steamer *Leesburg*—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 221) for the relief of Rosa M. Wyatt, of Bryan County, Ga.—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 222) granting a pension to Sallie V. F. Brown, Mary J. Brown, Florence D. Brown, and Hutoka H. Brown—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 223) for the relief of the estate of William I. Way—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 224) granting an increase of pension to Rosa Karger—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 225) for the relief of Henry Field, of Savannah, Ga.—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 226) for the relief of Christian Ubele, administrator of Christian Ubele, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 227) for the relief of William G. Ebbs—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 228) for the relief of Margaret Giebelhouse, administratrix of Philip Giebelhouse, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 229) to pay Margaret Doyle, administratrix of James Doyle, for certain captured cotton—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 230) for the relief of Mary A. Bell, of Emanuel County, Ga.—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 231) for the relief of the legal representative of Maj. William Kendall—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 232) for the relief of Jacob Cohen—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 233) for the relief of Henry Fields, of Savannah, Ga.—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 234) granting a pension to Sarah Spalding McIntosh and Hester Cook McIntosh—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 235) for the relief of George Wagner, administrator of H. Mastick—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 236) for the relief of Natalie Epstein, administratrix of John B. Epstein, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 237) for the relief of the heirs or legal representatives of Anton Borchert—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 238) for the relief of Francis Tillman—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 239) granting an increase of pension to Rosa Karger—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 240) for the relief of Charles V. Neidlinger—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 241) for the relief of the owners of the steamer *Leesburg*—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 242) for the relief of the Importing and Exporting Company of the State of Georgia—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, a bill (H. R. 243) for the allowance of certain claims for stores and supplies reported by the Court of Claims under the provisions of the act approved March 3, 1833, and commonly known as the Bowman Act—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. McRAE: A bill (H. R. 244) for the relief of the estate of William Moss, deceased—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 245) for the relief of Charles W. Russey—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. MAHON: A bill (H. R. 246) for the allowance of certain claims reported by the accounting officers of the United States Treasury Department—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 247) granting an increase of pension to John Doeblor—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MERCER: A bill (H. R. 248) to grant a pension to Rev. Warren Cochran, of Omaha, Nebr.—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 249) to reimburse the city of Omaha, Nebr., for money expended in the construction of pavement adjacent to

Government property, and for other purposes—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 250) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Jeremiah F. Brown—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 251) to remove the charge of desertion standing against John Daley—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 252) for the relief of John Little and Hobart Williams, of Omaha, Nebr.—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 253) for the relief of Thomas F. O'Reilly—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 254) granting a pension to Julia Beauchamp—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 255) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of William Cameron, alias Samuel C. Cole—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 256) granting a pension to Susan A. Paddock—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 257) granting a pension to Hiram H. Palmer—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 258) to pension Margaret Wilber, of Blair, Nebr.—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 259) granting a pension to Capt. J. Francis Hopper—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 260) granting a pension to Benjamin Contal, of Blair, Nebr.—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 261) to pension Mrs. Esther M. Royce, of Omaha, Nebr.—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 262) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of George W. Witting—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 263) to remove the charge of desertion standing against Simon Trostler—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 264) for the relief of W. W. Lowe—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 265) for the relief of Maj. W. W. Lowe—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. McCALL: A bill (H. R. 266) referring to the Court of Claims the claim of William E. Woodbridge, for compensation for the use by the United States of his invention relating to projectiles, for which letters patent were ordered to issue to him March 25, 1852—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 267) to amend the military record of John H. Lamson—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 268) to restore William F. Peck to the rolls of the Navy, and to grant him an honorable discharge—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 269) for the relief of Samuel M. Blair—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 270) for the relief of the owners and crew of the Hawaiian bark *Arctic*—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 271) granting a pension to Nora McLain, mother of Alexander McLain—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 272) for the relief of Albert J. Pratt, administrator—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 273) for the relief of McHenry Robinson, executor of the estate of Elizabeth S. Cushing—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 274) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Robert Downing—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 275) granting an increase of pension to Samuel Cousens, late of Company K, Thirty-second Regiment Massachusetts Infantry Volunteers—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 276) granting a pension to Abby Wyman, widow of Capt. J. Henry Wyman—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 277) for the relief of Joel M. Bryan—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 278) granting an honorable discharge to Albert Locke, alias Shipley—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 279) granting a pension to Mary E. Baker—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 280) for the relief of Rufus M. Hodgkins—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 281) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Joshua Fairclough, alias Joseph Whittle—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 282) to restore the name of Flora Bartlett to the pension roll—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 283) granting an honorable discharge to James Woods—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 284) for the relief of Patrick J. Madden—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 285) for the relief of David D. Smith—to the Committee on War Claims.



Also, a bill (H. R. 286) to grant medals to survivors and heirs of volunteers of the Port Hudson forlorn-hope storming party—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 287) granting an increase of pension to Philip T. Greely—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 288) for the relief of Alexander Sutherland—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. OVERSTREET: A bill (H. R. 289) for the relief of Edward G. Fugate—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 290) to increase the pension of William H. Webster—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 291) granting a pension to Mary D. Griffiths—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 292) appropriating \$6,332.30 in payment of the claim of C. M. Kirkpatrick for paving the street adjacent to the United States arsenal at Indianapolis, Ind.—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 293) authorizing the President to place the name of Julius R. Frederick on the retired list of the Army, with the rank, pay, and perquisites of second lieutenant—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 294) for the relief of Robert Spaugh—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 295) appropriating money to pay the claim of James C. Wheat for expenses incurred as adjutant of the Forty-ninth Indiana Volunteers, war of the rebellion—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. PEARSON: A bill (H. R. 296) for the relief of D. A. Bowman—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 297) granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Jane L. Fagg—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 298) granting an increase of pension to Charles McAllister—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 299) for the relief of Enoch Voyles—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 300) to carry out the findings of the Court of Claims in the case of Joseph U. Orr—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 301) for the relief of Adolphus Erwin Wells—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. PITNEY: A bill (H. R. 302) for the relief of the legal representatives of John Boyle, deceased—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 303) to carry out the findings of the Court of Claims in the case of David Miller—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 304) granting a pension to Katharine Quick Pepper—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 305) for the relief of Amos S. Carkhuff—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 306) granting a pension to George Sutton—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 307) granting a pension to Mary E. Peck—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 308) to correct the military record of Joseph A. Blanchard, late first lieutenant of Troop E, First New York Mounted Rifles—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 309) for the relief of Caleb Aber—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. RIXEY (by request): A bill (H. R. 310) to increase the pension of Alice De K. Shattuck—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. SIMPKINS of Massachusetts: A bill (H. R. 311) for the relief of the sufferers by the wreck of the United States revenue cutter *Gallatin* off the coast of Massachusetts—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 312) for the relief of Ellen Wright, hospital nurse—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 313) for the relief of Johanna C. Haft, widow of John Haft, private Company C, Forty-first Massachusetts Infantry—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 314) for the relief of William H. King—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 315) for the relief of the owners of the schooner *Walter B. Chester*—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 316) granting a pension to Maria N. Flint—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 317) to increase the pension of Martha C. Carter, widow of Rear-Admiral S. P. Carter—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 318) for the relief of James B. Russell—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 319) for increased pension of Frederick A. Slocum—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SHERMAN: A bill (H. R. 320) for the relief of William G. Mayer—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. SPRAGUE: A bill (H. R. 321) for the relief of the Berdan Firearms Manufacturing Company—to the Committee on Patents.

Also, a bill (H. R. 322) granting a pension to Mrs. Clifford Neff Fyffe—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 323) for the relief of the legal representatives of William Johnnot, Joseph Torrey, and Thomas Blackwell—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 324) for the relief of Winslow Warren—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 325) for the relief of the First National Bank of Newton, Mass.—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 326) granting a pension to Jane Flynn, mother of Lawrence Flynn—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 327) granting an increase of pension to Dexter B. Freeman—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 328) granting a pension to Joseph Gerstle—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 329) for the relief of Mrs. Ann M. Madden—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 330) granting a pension to Mrs. Millie Withington, mother of Lewis L. Fisher, deceased, late of Company E, Second Massachusetts Infantry Volunteers—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 331) granting a pension to E. F. Haskell—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SOUTHARD: A bill (H. R. 332) for the relief of Michael J. Higgins—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. TAYLER of Ohio: A bill (H. R. 333) extending the term of patent No. 227024—to the Committee on Patents.

Also, a bill (H. R. 334) granting an honorable discharge to Samuel Johnston—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 335) to authorize the payment of commutation to David Jones—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 336) for the relief of William W. Crissinger—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 337) granting an honorable discharge to Philip Kurtz—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 338) granting an honorable discharge to Joseph Price—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 339) granting an honorable discharge to James Ammerman—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 340) to correct the military record of William Hartzell—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 341) granting an honorable discharge to Jacob Longacre, late Company F, One hundred and eighteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 342) granting an honorable discharge to David J. Albaugh—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 343) granting an honorable discharge to James Boyle—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 344) granting a pension to Julia A. Beeler—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 345) granting an increase of pension to George D. Cook, late of Company K, One hundred and tenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 346) granting an increase of pension to Franklin I. Gilbert—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 347) granting a pension to Abram Cooper—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 348) granting an increase of pension to Thomas Gibson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 349) granting an increase of pension to Daniel L. Saeger—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 350) for the relief of M. M. Travis—to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 351) granting a pension to Charles Howard—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. UPDEGRAFF: A bill (H. R. 352) for the relief of Abram Treadwell—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 353) for the relief of Barnaby Du Charme—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 354) for the relief of David Dorland—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 355) for the relief of Mathias Pedersen—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 356) for the relief of the heirs of Sterling T. Austin, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 357) for the relief of Frances E. Mason, remarried widow of Isaac A. Mason, deceased—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 358) for the relief of Catherine B. Blackman, widow of Bvt. Brig. Gen. Albert M. Blackman, deceased—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 359) for the relief of Abraham Judd—to the Committee on Military Affairs.



Also, a bill (H. R. 360) for the relief of Robert McFarland—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 361) for the relief of Daniel Kuhn—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 362) for the relief of Kittie C. McCullough—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. WALKER of Massachusetts: A bill (H. R. 363) granting a pension to William T. Hill—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 364) granting a pension to Lizzie M. Sibley—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 365) for the relief of Emily E. Ward—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 366) granting arrears of pension to William H. Cummings—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 367) for the relief of John C. Howe—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 368) for the relief of Charlotte L. Walker—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MOODY: A bill (H. R. 369) for the relief of Benjamin S. Barnes—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 370) to remove the charge of desertion standing against the name of Charles Amos—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 371) to remove the charge of desertion against Charles H. Leland and to grant him an honorable discharge—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 372) for the relief of Cyrus H. Thurlow—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 373) for the relief of the heirs of William H. Steele—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 374) for the relief of Ogden H. Smith—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 375) to remove the charge of desertion standing against Dennis Fitzpatrick—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 376) granting a pension to Charles S. Hardy—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 377) granting a pension to Susan I. Barrows—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 378) granting a pension to Lowell H. Hopkinson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LESTER: A resolution (House Res. No. 2) relative to referring H. R. 1002, for the relief of Needham Bullard, to the Court of Claims—to the Committee on War Claims.

## SENATE.

TUESDAY, March 16, 1897.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. W. H. MILBURN, D. D.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. W. J. BROWNING, its Chief Clerk, announced that the House had passed a concurrent resolution to print 20,000 copies of the bill (H. R. 27) to provide revenue for the Government and to encourage the industries of the United States; in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate.

### REFERENCE OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Mr. MORRILL. I move that the President's message be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. ALLEN. What is the request?

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The motion is that the message of the President, received and read yesterday, be referred to the Committee on Finance. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and the order is made.

### PRINTING OF REVENUE BILL.

The VICE-PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following concurrent resolution of the House of Representatives; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That there be printed for the use of the two Houses 20,000 copies of H. R. 27, entitled "A bill to provide revenue for the Government and to encourage the industries of the United States," 6,000 for the use of the Senate and 14,000 for the use of the House.*

### SENATOR FROM FLORIDA.

Mr. PASCO. I present the credentials of Mr. Henderson, who comes here by appointment of the governor of the State of Florida. I ask that they be read.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The Secretary will read the credentials of the Senator appointed from the State of Florida.

The Secretary read as follows:

### STATE OF FLORIDA, Executive Department.

I, W. D. Bloxham, governor of the State of Florida, by virtue of the authority in me vested by subdivision 2 of section 3 of Article I of the Constitution of the United States, have, by reason of a vacancy happening from the expiration of the term of Hon. Wilkinson Call as United States Senator from the State of Florida, on the 4th day of March, 1897, and during the recess of the

legislature of the said State, made temporary appointment of Hon. John A. Henderson, of Tallahassee, Leon County, Fla., who is duly qualified therefor under the Constitution of the United States, to be Senator in the Congress of the United States from the State of Florida, from said 4th day of March, 1897, until the legislature of the said State shall fill such vacancy.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of Florida to be affixed.

Done at Tallahassee, the capital, this 6th day of March, A. D. 1897.

[SEAL.]

W. D. BLOXHAM, Governor.

By the governor. Attest:

JNO. L. CRAWFORD, Secretary of State.

Mr. PASCO. Mr. Henderson is in waiting, and I ask that he be now allowed to take the oath of office.

Mr. ALLEN. I suggest the propriety of letting the credentials go to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, as the others have gone. I move that they be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. PASCO. I am not willing to consent to that course. The case of Mr. Henderson is different in many respects from the two cases which have already been referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, and I see no reason why there should be any delay whatever in admitting him to his seat. When I presented similar credentials myself four years ago, without any objection, without any motion, I was admitted to my seat; and Mr. Henderson's case is precisely the same as that which was then presented to the Senate.

Mr. CHANDLER. If the Senator from Florida will allow me, his credentials were not presented as these are now presented. His were presented some days before the Senator presented himself to be sworn in. The case differs in that particular, and in several others.

Mr. PASCO. I do not think—

Mr. HOAR. Will the Senator from Florida allow me to make a suggestion?

Mr. PASCO. If the Senator will wait one moment, until I reply to the Senator from New Hampshire, I will yield. The question of time is altogether immaterial. I was present on the first day of the session. The credentials were presented the day before. Mr. Henderson has come only a few days later. That does not change the situation in any respect. The credentials themselves are in all substantial respects the same as those which were presented on my behalf four years ago.

Mr. CHANDLER. The Senator wishes to get his statement accurate. He was not sworn in when his credentials were presented. His credentials had been presented some days previously and laid on the table or referred. There was time to examine them and to consider the case which was presented.

Mr. HOAR. I desire to call the attention of the Senate and of the Senator from Florida to the fact that there is a clear illegality in this proceeding, as disclosed by the credentials themselves. The governor has undertaken to appoint this gentleman to hold office until the legislature shall elect. He has no such power. He can only appoint, under the Constitution, until the next meeting of the legislature. That has been extended by an ancient, well-settled construction to the time when the legislature either elects after meeting or adjourns without an election, but it never has been contended by anybody from the foundation of the Government that a governor could appoint until the legislature elected. They may meet and adjourn, and meet again and adjourn half a dozen times without an election. Strictly construed, this is an appointment not merely for six years, but forever, if the legislature of Florida do not elect. But at any rate the governor made this appointment supposing that he could appoint a man who would hold office certainly for the rest of the term of six years if the legislature of Florida did not agree. Non constat, if he were to appoint a man for a few days or weeks, he would not have appointed a very different person. So these credentials differ from all the other cases in the fact that they are materially defective themselves. Certainly the proposition which I make is grave enough to be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

But I also desire, now I am up, to say to the Senator from Florida that having studied this matter as thoroughly as I can, it seems to me that all these cases—the three which have now been presented and some others which have been settled by the Senate—are governed and ought to be governed by one simple principle, which would require all three of these applicants to be admitted, as it required Mr. Blair and Mr. Bell in their day to be admitted, but which also would require the overruling of some recent and, it appears to me, quite erroneous action of the Senate. There ought to be a well-considered, careful dealing with this whole subject, first by the report of the committee, and afterwards by the action of the Senate. It is very much more important that we should extricate ourselves from the mud in which we have got on this matter of executive appointment than that any one gentleman should have the right of sitting a week or two earlier or later in this body.

When the Senator from Florida himself came in, everybody knew that the matter was merely formal. His election by his legislature in the course of two or three weeks was as sure as any such thing in the future ever would be, and to have kept him out